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## REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated October 31, 2008.

In reviewing the file, it is noted that we have not received acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement and cited art filed March 4, 2004. Enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and stamped return postcard acknowledgement.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests that:

(1) the appropriately acknowledged PTO-1449 be furnished to Applicant; and

(2) the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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